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SUBJECT: MEETING OF EXPERTS ON CSCE SCIENTIFIC FORUM:
OPENING SESSIONS

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1. MEETING OF EXPERTS FROM 34 CSCE COUNTRIES (SAN MARINO NOT PRESENT) OPENED FORMALLY JUNE 20 WITH WELCOMING ADDRESS BY FRG MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRAU HAMM-BRUECHER BEFORE DISCUSSING AGENDA, DELEGATES AGREED TO HEAR STATEMENTS OF UNESCO AND ECE REPRESENTATIVES, AS FORESEEN IN HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND IN BELGRADE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. ECE AND UNESCO REPRESENTATIVES BOTH NOTED WILLINGNESS OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONS TO ATTEND THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM AND TO CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO ITS SUCCESS. AFTER HEARING WIDERANGING CATALOGRIES OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES OF UNESCO AND ECE IT BECAME OBVIOUS TO DELEGATES HOW DIFFICULT IT WILL BE TO ADOPT A REALLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND NON-DUPPLICATIVE AGENDA FOR THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM.

2. SINCE DURING NORDIC CAUCUS MEETING EARLY JUNE 20
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FINNS HAD REJECTED OFFER TO INTRODUCE FRG DRAFT AGENDA FOR MEETING OF EXPERTS, FRG REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTED DOCUMENT AT OPENING OF JUNE 21 SESSION. SEVERAL DELEGATES, INCLUDING SOVIETS, EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH FRG AGENDA BUT SUGGESTED VARIOUS EDITORIAL CHANGES AND INCLUSION OF ITEM ON OPENING STATEMENTS. CHAIRMAN THEN URGED THAT THOSE DELEGATES HAVING

SUGGESTED CHANGES MEET INFORMALLY WITH FRG DELEGATION TO WORK OUT REVISED DRAFT AGENDA. THIS COOPERATIVE PROCESS CONSUMED REMAINDER OF MORNING SESSION BUT PERMITTED RAPID ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMENT OF REVISED DRAFT AT BEGINNING OF AFTERNOON SESSION.

3. FINAL AGENDA FOR BONN MEETING OF EXPERTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. FORMAL OPENING OF THE MEETING. WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF STATE, DR. HAMM-BRUECHER, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

2. STATEMENT OF VIEWS BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNESCO AND THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE.

3. OPENING STATEMENTS BY EXPERTS ON THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM.

4. DRAFTING OF AN AGENDA FOR THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM.

5. PREPARATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK, TIME-TABLE, DURATION, SELECTION OF THE MEETING PLACE, FIXING OF THE TARGET OPENING DATE, AND OTHER MODALITIES OF THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM.

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6. DRAWING UP OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS TO BE REPORTED TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES.

7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING.

4. REMAINDER OF JUNE 21 SESSION OCCUPIED BY DELIVERY OF 12 OPENING STATEMENTS. IN KEEPING WITH THE PRO-CEDURAL NATURE OF THE MEETING, U.S. DEL REITERATED THE OBJECTIVE OF DIRECT CONTACTS AND COMMUNICATION AMONG SCIENTISTS AND THE NEED FOR POLITICAL DECISIONS TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO COOPERATION. WESTERN AND NNA SPEAKERS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF FREE AND UNHINDERED CONTACT AMONG SCIENTISTS AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS AND FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. AUSTRIA MADE STRONG APPEAL FOR NON-INTERVENTION BY STATE IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND ELIMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS TO FREE EXCHANGES AND CONTACTS. SOVIET DELEGATE MADE LONGEST AND MOST RAMBLING SPEECH WHICH DEALT MAINLY WITH INTERNAL SOVIET EFFORTS IN SCIENCE. HE NOTED THAT SCIENCE SHOULD STRIVE TO BENEFIT ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPING WORLD -- A POINT ALSO RAISED BY YUGOSLAVIA
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-- AND SHOULD DEAL WITH REAL PROBLEMS. SPEECH ENDED WITH A WARNING THAT BONN MEETING MUST NOT GET SIDETRACKED INTO USELESS ARGUMENTS ON MARGINAL ISSUES.

5. COMMENTS: SOVIETS MADE CLEAR FROM BEGINNING OF DISCUSSION ON AGENDA THAT THEY WANTED ITEM ON OPENING STATEMENTS BY DELEGATIONS, A POINT NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OF THE WESTERN DRAFT AGENDAS. SOVIETS SEEM DISPOSED TO ENTER GRADUALLY INTO SUBSTANCE OF MEETING AND PROBABLY VIEWED OPENING STATEMENT AS ANOTHER DEVICE TO SNAKE OUT VIEWS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS. MOREOVER, SOVIETS HAVE EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN DOING MOST OF WORK IN INFORMAL GROUPS RATHER THAN IN PLENARY SESSIONS. WE ANTICIPATE MOST OF JUNE 22 WILL BE OCCUPIED WITH FEW REMAINING OPENING STATEMENTS AND PROBABLY DANISH PRESENTATION OF THEIR SUGGESTIONS FOR SCIENTIFIC FORUM AGENDA PROPOSAL.
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